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TRANQUIL LAKE NURSERY

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P R I C E L I S T

The young plants we offer will permit you to landscape your grounds to a level that will truly set off your property for maximum pleasure and yet keep the cost low. You will be gratified to watch these sturdy plants rapidly grow to maturity while year-by-year increasing the value of your home. You will also enjoy the wonderful feeling that they have been brought to maturity under your own special care.

We strongly recommend that you place all young plants in a nursery area for a year or two to allow them to put on early growth in a favorable environment and also simplify their watering. It will also protect them from the ravages of the lawn mower, consolidate them and minimize weeding.

A small area of six feet by four feet will easily hold forty plants placed eight inches apart in rows with eight inches between rows. The home nursery will become a focal point for you and your friends and can be set up very simply. Mark off your nursery plot in an area with good drainage, located to avoid chances of children running through it, yet in a spot of good light not directly under trees or too close to buildings. This small plot can be dug up and loosened very quickly to receive the plants. Loosen all the soil in the nursery, not just in the spots where the individual plants will be. Plant at the same depth we grew them (as you can see by the soil level on the trunk) and be careful to compact the earth around the roots carefully, leaving no air pockets. Mix peat moss with the earth in the planting holes to improve the soil - it helps heavy clay as well as light sandy soil. When all the plants are in, put down a mulch about one and a half to two inches thick of coarse sawdust (wood chips are best), peat moss, or salt hay and water deeply with a sprinkler. Use no fertilizer the first year. The beauty of this method is that the deep mulch will prevent rapid water evaporation, keep the roots cool, and also make weeding easier. For best results, pot the plants when they arrive and keep them in a partly shaded area for a couple of weeks before putting them into the nursery with the potted root-ball intact. This will ease the shock to the plants which in turn will repay you by more rapid growth.

Don't let me frighten you, these details are for the finest and safest results and are really very simple. Many varieties of our young plants can, of course, be planted directly into their permanent locations, but watering and weeding are simpler in the compact nursery area from which they can easily be dug with their ball of earth intact and planted in permanent positions in a year or two.

Flowering deciduous shrubs are beautiful and certainly should be used, but don't forget to use evergreen shrubs to minimize the bleakness of winter. A few low boxwood, azaleas, or Japanese holly shrubs planted in front of larger weigela, mock orange or forsythia will give a more pleasing all year round effect than isolated plants can provide.

Learn the beauties of nature and teach them to your children. They gentle the nature of all who can learn to see and provide an inner warmth that can't be duplicated.

All our plants offered for sale have been field grown for at least a full year to produce strong plants for you.

To cover postal and packing costs, please add 10% to all orders. Three dollars (\$3.00) is the minimum order that we can economically handle.

We are constantly testing new varieties and intend to extend our list as meritorious plants are propagated in sufficient quantities.

AZALEAS - EVERGREEN 3" to 6" 3 for \$1.00

These are beautiful shrubs which add grace and brilliance to all plantings. Probably the most popular flowering shrub in the country with its wide range of colors. We are currently offering two hardy varieties and expect to add many more in future seasons.

1. Large orchid flowered variety that really attracts attention. Strong grower.
2. Brilliant pink flowered variety with small delicately shaped leaves. Compact growth habit.

Please specify variety desired.

GOLDEN ARBORVITAE 3" to 6" 2 for \$1.00

Globe shaped evergreen with beautiful golden tone. For sunny locations and will do well in dry spots. When interplanted between dark green evergreens it will enliven the entire area. Prune lightly each year to retain compactness.

GREEN GLOBE ARBORVITAE 4" to 6" 3 for \$1.00

Growth habit same as Golden Arborvitae with a deep green color. Makes excellent hedge with rapid growth.

BOXWOOD - AMERICAN 3" to 5" 3 for \$1.00

Box is one of the most versatile plants available. It can be kept as low as 10" with judicious pruning or can be allowed to grow to 5 to 6 feet tall for hedges. Grows well in any soil and takes to sunny or shady spots equally well. Makes marvelous border for perennial garden, along walks, and underplanted with taller evergreens or deciduous shrubs. Try a 10" high box border around your vegetable garden to give it a clean all year round effect. We have selected a particularly hardy strain which holds its color very well in winter. Its roots are shallow and compact, therefore keep well watered or mulch deeply and fertilize lightly but regularly for best color and growth.

Boxwood Border special ----- 20 plants for \$5.00

BOXWOOD-GOLDEN VARIAGATED 4" to 6" 2 for \$1.00

A very rare form of evergreen boxwood with splashes of yellow shot through the leaves. Attracts immediate attention. Rarely available commercially. Grows best in moist spot with some protection from driving winter winds. Responds to shaping well and can be kept as low shrub for accent in house foundation planting.

BLUE MOSS CYPRESS 4" to 6" 3 for \$1.00

Gossamer soft bright blue colored evergreen. Grows rapidly and can be kept to any height desired from 2 feet up. Naturally rather loose open growth but responds beautifully to annual shearing to form compact shrub which will go well in any planting and blends especially well with dark green yews and rhododendron. Very hardy.

GOLDEN PLUME CYPRESS 6" to 8" 3 for \$1.00

Brilliant golden color with unusual texture, attracts attention in any grouping. Makes magnificent large evergreen tree or can be kept to 3 to 5 foot bush with annual pruning. Grows rapidly and in any soil. Makes excellent hedge and combines well with green globe arborvitae to brighten color effect.

UPRIGHT EUONYMUS - EVERGREEN 6" to 8" 3 for \$1.00

Striking broadleaf evergreen with bright green leaves and a high luster. Makes excellent specimen shrub and combines well with azaleas and junipers in foundation plantings and along borders. Compact yet rapid growth and may be maintained at 2 to 6 foot height with only slight care. Responds well to light fertilizing and mulching to keep root area moist. Does well in sun or even deep shade.

FIRETHORN (PYRACANTHA) 8" to 12" 3 for \$1.00

Upright evergreen shrub which grows 6 to 8 feet tall with wonderful display of bright orange berries in the fall which are retained well into winter. An eye catching plant to enliven the fall coloring. Hardy and a rapid grower. Good for dry soil areas where other plants do poorly. Striking background effect when espelied against a wall or fence, can also serve as a specimen plant. Use as a hedge to keep stray animals off your grounds. Prefers good sunny spot.

CHINESE HOLLY (ILEX CORNUTA BURFORDI) 5" to 8" 2 for \$1.00

Brilliant green leaves of almost polished luster. Red berries in fall. A real aristocrat among evergreen shrubs. Can be kept at heights of 2 feet to 10 feet with little pruning. Will grow well in sun or shade. Plant in soil heavily enriched with peat moss. Mulch well as roots must never be allowed to dry out.

JAPANESE HOLLY (ILEX CONVEXA GRENATA) 4" to 6" 3 for \$1.00

Shinny small green cupped evergreen leaves which hold their beautiful color all winter. Clusters of small black berries in fall on mature plants. Can be kept to almost any height and made wonderfully compact with light pruning. Quite hardy and also grows well in shade. A very desirable sophisticated shrub.

ANDORRA JUNIPER (JUNIPERUS HORIZONTALIS PLUMOSA) 5" to 8" 3 for \$1.00

Low growing very compact spreader. Excellent for dry areas such as banks and on slopes to prevent erosion, also useful as informal underplant and as low accent plant near doors and at corners of driveway. Beautiful green summer foliage turning to attractive purple shade in winter. Prefers sunny location.

VARIEGATED LIGUSTRUM 4" to 6" 3 for \$1.00

Glossy leaved semi-evergreen shrub with golden variegated leaves. Unusual type of variegation in that the leaves are half yellow and half green rather than the more common marginal variagation. Very colorful for use as a specimen plant that will be a conversation piece wherever planted. New growth is particularly colorful. Can be grown to heights of 2 to 8 feet. Grows rapidly and is extremely hardy.

MIMOSA TREE 10" to 12" 3 for \$1.00

Delicate fern-like leaves on tree of rapid growth. Unusual tropical appearing tree reaching 15 to 20 feet at maturity. Striking pink flowers in July and August when other flowers are rare. Sets off a planting beautifully. Do not fail to incorporate into your ground. Our trees are grown from a hardy northern tree which has repeatedly withstood 5° below zero without damage. Do not confuse this with tender southern trees generally offered.

VARIEGATED WEIGELIA 4" to 8" 3 for \$1.00

A deciduous shrub that appears to be in bloom all summer with its beautiful variegated leaves, showing a creamy white outer margin contrasting with the bright green center of the leaf. Truly a show piece. Covered with pastel pink flowers in June. Grows rapidly to 3 to 4 feet and responds to light pruning to give neat compact appearance or can be left unpruned for very informal effect.

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